

LEE0011-US



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

MING-CHANG LEE

Serial No.: 10/615,994

Filed: July 10, 2003

For: LATCH DEVICE AND
ELECTRONIC APPARATUS WITH
LATCH DEVICE

Art Unit: 2835

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record in the above-identified application the document or documents referenced on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference is enclosed herewith.

The cited references are mentioned in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of applicant's corresponding European patent application and are believed relevant for at least that reason.

The undersigned believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper. However, should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and

04/07/2004 WABRHAM1 00000124 501390 10615994

01 FC:1806 180.00 DA

charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1390, under Order No. LEE0011-US and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that each reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This submission does not represent that any referenced document is material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that one or more of the referenced documents constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the reference or references.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any referenced document, should it be applied against the claims of the present application.

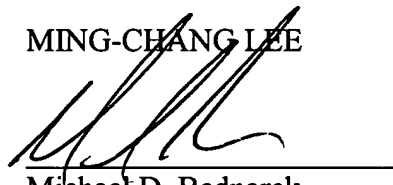
SHAW PITTMAN LLP
1650 Tysons Boulevard
McLean, VA 22102
Tel: 703/770-7900

Date: April 6, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

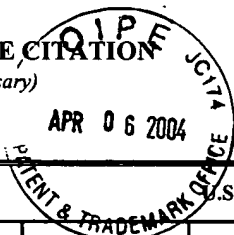
MING-CHANG LEE

By:


Michael D. Bednarek
Registration No. 32,329

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)



Docket Number (Optional)

LEE0011-US

Application Number

10/615,994

Applicant(s)

MING-CHANG LEE

Filing Date

JULY 10, 2003

Group Art Unit

2835

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| *EXAMINER INITIAL | REF | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | NAME | CLASS | SUBCLASS | FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE |
|----------------------|-----|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| | 1 | 4,478,005 | 10/23/84 | MUNDSCHENK | 49 | 388 | 12/27/82 |
| | 2 | 4,938,513 | 07/03/90 | GUNDERSON | 292 | 80 | 10/25/89 |
| | 3 | 5,123,541 | 06/23/92 | GIANNINI ET AL. | 206 | 600 | 03/26/91 |
| | 4 | 5,634,675 | 06/03/97 | MO | 292 | 80 | 07/28/95 |
| | 5 | 6,220,637 | 04/24/01 | KIERL | 292 | 87 | 04/26/99 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| | REF | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | COUNTRY | CLASS | SUBCLASS | Translation | |
|--|-----|-----------------|----------|---------|-------|----------|-------------|----|
| | | | | | | | YES | NO |
| | 6 | EP 0 829 600 A1 | 03/18/98 | EPO | | | ✓ | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| | | COPY OF EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT DATED JANUARY 6, 2004 |
| | | |

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.